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**BROCKTON MAN SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR MURDER OF CITY MAN**

**BROCKTON** – A Brockton man was sentenced to State Prison time today after being found guilty at trial of second degree murder, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

A jury deliberated approximately four hours Thursday before finding Paulino Miranda (DOB: 9/9/87) guilty of one count each of second degree murder, possession of a large capacity firearm and carrying a firearm without a license. At sentencing this morning in Brockton Superior Court, Judge Thomas F. McGuire sentenced Miranda to life in prison for the second degree murder charge with a minimum of 15 years to be served. Judge McGuire additionally sentenced Miranda to 6-10 years on the large capacity weapon charge and 3-5 years on the carrying without a license charge, both sentences to run concurrent.

“Without the swift action of the State Trooper on scene, this case could have taken a drastically different turn,” DA Cruz said. “State Police, Brockton Police and our prosecutors are to be commended for their diligent work on solving this homicide.”

On December 12, 2009, a Massachusetts State Trooper on routine patrol spotted a car speeding down Pleasant Street in Brockton. The trooper stopped the vehicle and noticed a male victim in the passenger seat, later identified as Ralph Hyppolite, 23, bleeding from a gunshot wound to the head. The trooper was able to speak to the driver of the car and then radio Brockton Police with the assailant’s license plate number. Based upon the car’s registration, Brockton and State Police were able to surround a house on Sophia Avenue and arrest Miranda.

Further investigation by State and Brockton Police revealed that the victim, Ralph Hyppolite, was shot in the back of the head by Miranda with a .40 caliber Sig Sauer firearm on Ash Street in Brockton.

Assistant District Attorneys Jennifer Sprague and Nathaniel Kennedy prosecuted the case, which was investigated by State Police assigned to the District Attorney’s Office and Brockton Police.

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